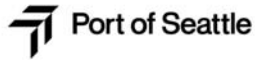


2004 Regional Contracting Forum



Welcome to the Regional Contracting Forum, collaboratively sponsored by Sound Transit, King County, Port of Seattle, City of Lynnwood, and the Washington State Office of Minority & Women's Business Enterprises. This year we have several financial co-sponsors, including Seattle Monorail Project, Community Transit, King County Housing Authority, and the Washington State Department of General Administration.

We are pleased you are joining us today. Your active participation is critical in fulfilling the Forum goals for interested businesses to network, meet government contracting representatives and learn about upcoming opportunities. Keep these goals in mind as you attend the presentations and visit the agency and resource information tables. We will do our best to help you obtain information on upcoming opportunities and access business development and other resource providers.

Today, you have the opportunity to initiate relationships for future partnering. You can meet resource people that can help your company thrive, and others who are directly involved in public contracting and procurement. Feel free to let them know what you need to accomplish your goals. You may need to refer often to the Agenda in your information packet. Ask one of our event hosts at the Registration and Information table when questions arise.

Please take some time at the end of your visit to complete and return the brief evaluation form. The completed evaluation form can be placed in one of the boxes located at the Registration and Information Tables. Your comments help us track the results of the Forum, as well as plan future events to better respond to the needs and challenges of the contracting community. Attendees at the 2003 Forum indicated that on average, they made positive connections with five persons during the event. They rated the presentations "above average to excellent" for providing information about how to contact buyers, getting their "foot in the door" and learning about opportunities.

We look forward to a long-term relationship and to your success in achieving your goals at today's Forum.

Sincerely,
Regional Contracting Forum Event Sponsors